

REMARKS

Claims 1-26, 30-35, 38, and 40 are pending.

Claims 27-29, 36-37 and 39 have been cancelled.

In the Office Action dated February 4, 2009, claims 27, 30 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,339,793 (Bostian); claims 28-29, 31-32, 37 and 39-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Bostian in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,634,122 (Loucks)

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-26, 33-35 and 38.

Claims 27-29, 36, 37 and 39 have been cancelled, without prejudice, to render the rejection of those claims moot.

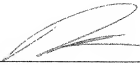
Independent claim 30 has been amended to recite subject matter similar to that of claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that claim 30 is also in condition for allowance. Claims dependent from claim 30 are also allowable.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 (200308268-1).

Respectfully submitted,

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